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To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit human cloning.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Human Cloning Prohi-
 5 bition Act of 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON HUMAN CLONING.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title 18, United States Code, is
 8 amended by inserting after chapter 15, the following:

9 **“CHAPTER 16—HUMAN CLONING**

“Sec.

“301. Definitions.

“302. Prohibition on human cloning.

10 **“§ 301. Definitions**

11 “In this chapter:

12 “(1) HUMAN CLONING.—The term ‘human
 13 cloning’ means human asexual reproduction, accom-
 14 plished by introducing nuclear material from one or
 15 more human somatic cells into a fertilized or
 16 unfertilized oocyte whose nuclear material has been
 17 removed or inactivated so as to produce a living or-
 18 ganism (at any stage of development) that is geneti-
 19 cally virtually identical to an existing or previously
 20 existing human organism.

1 “(2) ASEXUAL REPRODUCTION.—The term
2 ‘asexual reproduction’ means reproduction not initi-
3 ated by the union of oocyte and sperm.

4 “(3) SOMATIC CELL.—The term ‘somatic cell’
5 means a diploid cell (having a complete set of chro-
6 mosomes) obtained or derived from a living or de-
7 ceased human body at any stage of development.

8 **“§ 302. Prohibition on human cloning**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—It shall be unlawful for any per-
10 son or entity, public or private, in or affecting interstate
11 commerce, knowingly—

12 “(1) to perform or attempt to perform human
13 cloning;

14 “(2) to participate in an attempt to perform
15 human cloning; or

16 “(3) to ship or receive for any purpose an em-
17 bryo produced by human cloning or any product de-
18 rived from such embryo.

19 “(b) IMPORTATION.—It shall be unlawful for any per-
20 son or entity, public or private, knowingly to import for
21 any purpose an embryo produced by human cloning or any
22 product derived from such embryo.

23 “(c) PENALTIES.—

1 “(1) CRIMINAL PENALTY.—Any person or enti-
 2 ty that violates this section shall be fined under this
 3 title or imprisoned not more than 10 years, or both.

4 “(2) CIVIL PENALTY.—Any person or entity
 5 that violates any provision of this section shall be
 6 subject to, in the case of a violation that involves the
 7 derivation of a pecuniary gain, a civil penalty of not
 8 less than \$1,000,000 and not more than an amount
 9 equal to the amount of the gross gain multiplied by
 10 2, if that amount is greater than \$1,000,000.

11 “(d) SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.—Nothing in this sec-
 12 tion restricts areas of scientific research not specifically
 13 prohibited by this section, including research in the use
 14 of nuclear transfer or other cloning techniques to produce
 15 molecules, DNA, cells other than human embryos, tissues,
 16 organs, plants, or animals other than humans.”.

17 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of chapters
 18 for part I of title 18, United States Code, is amended by
 19 inserting after the item relating to chapter 15 the fol-
 20 lowing:

“16. Human Cloning 301”.

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